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SUBJECT: COMPENSATION CLAIMS FOR EXPROPRIATED US PROPERTY

REF: A) STATE 206440, B) DAR ES SALAAM 2506

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES DEPT'S SENDING FOLLOW-UP NOTE TO TANEMB (REF A). BELIEVE NOTE WILL HELP FOCUS TANGOV, PARTICULARLY MIN FINANCE, ATTENTION ONCE AGAIN ON THIS MATTER. WE WILL SHORTLY PASS COPIES TO TANGOV OFFICIALS IN CONNECTION OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS HERE TO EFFECT PROGRESS.

2. SINCE SUBMISSION REF B, FOLLOWING HAS DEVELOPED IN REGARD PENDING CASES:

A) VON ZASTROW CASE APPEARS STALLED. TREASURY REGISTRAR TAKING POSITION THAT VON ZASTROW'S REJECTION OF TANGOV OFFERS "AS NOT EVEN FORMING A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION" RELIEVES TANGOV OF FURTHER ACTION. IN AUGUST 20 CONVERSATION, ECONOFF URGED TREASURY REGISTRAR TO RENEW DIALOGUE WITH ATTORNEY AND NOTED TANGOV PROMISE ON MARCH 10 TO KEEP OPEN NEGOTIATIONS. ECONOFF THEN CONTACTED ATTORNEY SUGGESTING THAT HE AGAIN APPROACH TREASURY AND ALSO INFORM VON ZASTROW OF SITUATION.

B) STADLER/FORBES HOUSES -- ON AUGUST 11, STADLER'S ATTORNEY NOTIFIED TANGOV IN WRITING THAT HIS CLIENT HAD ACCEPTED OFFER OF SHS 74,000 AND THAT HE WAS REQUESTING PAYMENT ON HER BEHALF.

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ATTORNEY PURSUING MATTER BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED PAYMENT. ONCE

HE RECEIVES AWARD IN SHILLINGS, HE CAN INITIATE SEPARATE PROCESS
OF CONVERTIBILITY WITH BANK OF TANZANIA.

C) CALTEX -- IN RESPONSE OUR FURTHER INQUIRIES, EMBASSY ON
AUGUST 17 RECEIVED LETTER FROM MIN LANDS WHICH STATED THAT "AFTER
DILIGENT SEARCH", REGISTRAR OF BUILDINGS DISCOVERED THAT CALTEX
HAD NOT YET SUBMITTED CLAIM FORMS. WE INFORMED CALTEX, WHO
RESPONDED THAT IT HAD SUBMITTED ALL NECESSARY PAPERS LONG AGO BUT
WAS WILLING TO PREPARE FRESH CLAIM FORMS. (BOTH CALTEX AND TREASURY
REGISTRAR OF OPINION THAT MIN LANDS HAS LOST THE FILE.) CALTEX
CURRENTLY REVIEWING ITS RECORDS AND CONSULTING ITS ATTORNEY.

D) CAPT. MAY INDIRECTLY NOTIFIED US ON AUGUST 26 THAT HE
ACCEPTS TANGOV OFFER OF COMPENSATION. HE CONCERNED, THOUGH, ABOUT
CONVERTIBILITY PROBLEM. WE HAVE PASSED INFO TO FINANCE MINISTRY,
WHICH INSISTS IT CAN ONLY MAKE PAYMENT IN LOCAL CURRENCY. AS IN
(B), MAY WILL HAVE TO APPLY TO BANK OF TANZANIA FOR CONVERTIBILITY

ONCE SHILLING PAYMENT EFFECTED.
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